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Promoting social integration through social inclusion

The General Assembly,

Recalling the World Summit for Social Development, held at Copenhagen from 6 to 12 March 1995, and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly entitled "World Summit for Social Development and beyond: achieving social development for all in a globalizing world", held at Geneva from 26 June to 1 July 2000,

Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolution 2010/12 of 22 July 2010 on promoting social integration,

Recalling further the outcome document of the High-level Plenary Meeting of the General Assembly on the Millennium Development Goals,[1] in which Heads of State and Government acknowledged the significant importance of promoting comprehensive systems of social protection that provide universal access to essential social services, consistent with national priorities and circumstances, to meet internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals,

Taking note with appreciation of the study by the United Nations Children's Fund entitled *Narrowing the Gaps to Meet the Goals*, released on 7 September 2010, which shows that an equity-focused approach to child survival and development, focusing on reaching the most deprived and vulnerable children, proves to be a practical and effective strategy for meeting the health Millennium Development Goals for children,

[1] See resolution 65/1.

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Reaffirming the commitment of the international community to realizing the universal right to work, an adequate standard of living, necessary social services and social security,

Stressing that the promotion of sustained, inclusive and equitable economic growth is necessary to achieve poverty eradication and should be complemented as appropriate by effective social protection policies, including social inclusion policies,

Recognizing that the gains of economic growth should benefit also those who are in vulnerable or marginalized situations,

Recognizing that social inclusion policies and systems play a critical role in promoting an inclusive society, and are also crucial for fostering stable, safe, harmonious, peaceful and just societies and for improving social cohesion and inclusion so as to create an environment for development and progress,

Reaffirming the important role of corporate social responsibility and accountability in contributing to an enabling environment to promote economic growth and social integration,

Recognizing that social inclusion policies also strengthen the democratic process,

Stressing that social inclusion policies should promote gender equality and empowerment of women and equal access to opportunities and social protection for all, in particular for those who are in vulnerable or marginalized situations,

Acknowledging that the participation of persons in vulnerable or marginalized situations is crucial to formulating and implementing social inclusion policies that effectively achieve social integration, as appropriate,

Recognizing the important role played by civil society, including non-governmental organizations, in promoting social integration, inter alia, through social programmes and support for the development of socially inclusive policies,

Stressing the importance of an enabling international environment, in particular enhanced international cooperation to support national efforts towards promoting social integration through social inclusion in every country, including the fulfilment of all commitments on official development assistance, debt relief, market access, financial and technical support and capacity-building,

Expressing concern that, in times of economic and financial crisis and ongoing concern about energy and food insecurity, social exclusion can be exacerbated; in this regard sustainable and reliable social inclusion policies and programmes can play a positive role,

1. *Stresses* that States, which bear the main responsibility for social integration and social inclusion, should prioritize the creation of a "society for all"[2] based on respect for all human rights and the principles of equality among individuals, the access to basic social services and the promotion of the active participation of every member of society, in particular those in vulnerable or marginalized situations, in all aspects of life, including civic, social, economic and political activities, as well as participation in decision-making processes;

[2] See *Report of the World Summit for Social Development, Copenhagen, 6-12 March 1995* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.96.IV.8), chap. I, resolution 1, annex II, para. 66.

2. *Calls upon* States to promote a more equitable participation in and access to economic growth gains through, inter alia, policies that ensure inclusive labour markets and by implementing socially responsive macroeconomic policies in which employment has a key role, and social inclusion strategies which promote social integration ensuring social protection floors for those who are in vulnerable or marginalized situations, as defined by each country in accordance with its individual circumstances, including on a demand-driven basis, and the promotion and protection of their social and economic rights;

3. *Encourages* States to consider, when appropriate, the creation of national institutions or agencies for promoting, implementing and evaluating social inclusion programmes and mechanisms at the national and local levels;

4. *Also encourages* States, together with relevant United Nations entities, to continue monitoring progress towards the relevant Millennium Development Goals, in particular regarding their indicators, as their achievement is an essential element to shape and promote national policies for social inclusion;

5. *Invites* Member States, and encourages regional organizations, to support national efforts to achieve inclusive societies, in particular in developing countries, upon their request, by providing, inter alia, financial and technical cooperation for the design and implementation of sound social inclusion policies;

6. *Encourages* Member States to mainstream social integration objectives into social inclusion policies, promoting the participation of persons in vulnerable or marginalized situations in planning, implementing and monitoring processes, in collaboration, as appropriate, with relevant organizations of the United Nations development system, regional organizations, international and regional financial institutions, development and social partners, the private sector and civil society organizations;

7. *Invites* States, relevant organizations of the United Nations development system, regional organizations, international and regional financial institutions, development and social partners, private sector and civil society organizations to exchange views and share information on sound social inclusion policies and best practices;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a report on the implementation of the present resolution to the General Assembly at its sixty-eighth session;

9. *Decides* to consider the question further at its sixty-eighth session under the item entitled "Social development".